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In re application of : N. NUMAKO

Serial No. : 09/961,186

Filed : September 24, 2001

For : LENS DRIVE CONTROL APPARATUS FOR ZOOM LENS SYSTEM HAVING
SWITCHING LENS GROUP

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 A Request for Extension of Time.
 No Additional Fee.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

Claims After Amendment	No. Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
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Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			140=	\$	+280=	\$0.00
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 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 CFR 1.136)(a)(3).

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 16, 2002, the period for response having been set by the Examiner to expire on March 17, 2002 (the Examiner having specified two months from January 16, 2002, and March 17, 2002 being a Sunday), please enter the following amendment. Reconsideration of the action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i), the following is a submission of "clean form" version rewritten claim(s). Further, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), a marked-up version of the rewritten claim(s) is attached at the end of this document.

4. (Amended - clean text) The lens drive control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said camera further comprises a photometering device and a distance measurement device; and

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